

CENTRAL MASSACHUSETTS MOSQUITO CONTROL PROJECT

MINUTES OF THE COMMISSIONER'S MEETING

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Date: April 13, 2000
Time: 11:00 AM
Place: CMMCP Headquarters, 111 Otis Street, Northborough, Massachusetts 01532
Present: Richard Day, Jim Shuris, Dean Mazzarella, Ken Courtemanche and Tim Deschamps

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1. The minutes of the March 9, 2000 CMMCP Commissioner's minutes were unanimously approved.

2. The following payrolls were unanimously approved:

March 11, 2000	\$9,528.40
March 18, 2000	\$9,528.40
March 25, 2000	\$9,528.40
April 1, 2000	\$9,528.40
April 8, 2000	\$10,106.62

3. Submitted invoices for April 13, 2000 totaling \$26,163.05 were approved unanimously.

4. **Work Schedule:** Repairs to the Eager Beaver trailer and the John Deere 350 backhoe were completed. The excavator has finished a project in Wilmington, with Westboro, Hudson, Tewksbury and Marlboro next on the schedule. Trouble receiving permission from certain property owners, and especially New England Power, has stalled 2 projects. Tim will work to expedite these projects shortly. Work crews are done with ditching, and larviciding has begun, with overtime offered on Saturdays.

5. **Old Business:** The Project is still waiting delivery on the 2 vehicles awarded in last month's bid.

6. **New Business:** On March 31st the Department of Public Health held another meeting on West Nile Virus. DPH is concerned with the potential for outbreak of this new disease. Most Mosquito Control Projects will be supplementing DPH's adult mosquito collection with samples from their area. DPH has promised to supply

2000 Meeting Schedule:

January 13, February 10, March 9, April 13, May 11, June 8, July 13, August 10, September 14, October 12, November 9 and December 14.

CMMCP with gravid mosquito traps, to be set up supplemental to our collection sites. DPH will retrieve the samples when they are in our area each week.

The AMCA meeting in New Jersey, attended by Ken, Tim & Curt, was well attended by over 1,000 registrants. West Nile Virus was the main topic of concern at this meeting.

On April 4th, the annual Clarke Mosquito Control Seminar was held at Project headquarters. It was well attended by mosquito control and public health personnel from throughout the state. Topics included West Nile Virus, pesticide labels, and pesticide safety and storage. 4 contact hours were awarded towards category 47 of the State's pesticide license.

2 bids for new vehicles have been sent out, one for a ½ ton truck, the other for a station wagon for the Entomologist. These bids are scheduled to be opened on April 21st.

News from the House Ways & Means; all Mosquito Control Projects have been level funded, possibly due to a problem with the Group Insurance charge back. The Trust account has also been removed, and we are back to a line item for the time being. Ken will work to restore requested funding levels.

New legislation has been proposed that will require all pesticide applicators to notify parents of all applications on school and day care property within 48 hours. Apparently this will be a referendum on the November ballot. The Commissioners were shown a copy of this legislation. Ken will keep the Commission informed of this proposed legislation.

FYI: Ken & Scott Cobat attended a demonstration of aerial ditching, held in Rowley, Mass. Expensive, labor intensive, and not particularly effective were the critiques.

The meeting adjourned at 12:15 PM.

Approved: _____

Richard Day, Chairman, CMMCP

Date: _____

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